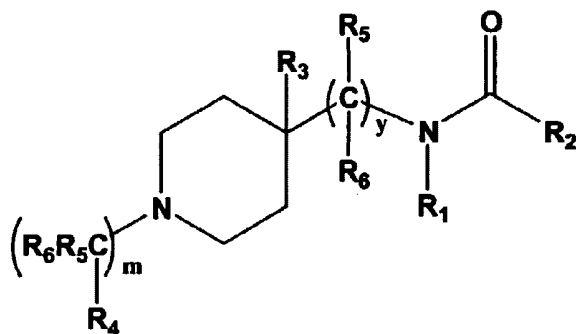


In the Claims

1-25 (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A method of treating pain, drug addiction, or tinnitus in a mammal, comprising the step of orally administering to a mammal in need thereof an effective amount of a formulation comprising ~~an excipient selected from the group consisting of cyclodextrins, micelle forming agents, and polymeric carriers;~~ and a compound represented by A:



A

wherein

m is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

y is 0;

R_1 represents aryl or heteroaryl;

R_2 represents H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

R_3 represents H, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, CH_2OR_2 , or CO_2R_2 ;

R_4 represents aryl;

R_5 represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

R_6 represents independently for each occurrence H, alkyl, or cycloalkyl;

any two geminal or vicinal instances of R_5 and R_6 may be connected through a covalent bond; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

27. (original) The method of claim 26, wherein said mammal is a primate, equine, canine or feline.

28. (original) The method claim 26, wherein said mammal is a human.

29. (canceled)